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## New food precinct begins growth

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CONTINUED population growth in Highfields has sparked a \$7 million expansion of the Highfields Village Shopping Centre.

A new fast-food precinct was officially opened at the centre on Saturday, signalling the next step in the suburb's growth.

Abra Kebab owners Murray and Alannah Duncan have been welcoming customers to their newest store for the past fortnight.

They said the grand opening was key to getting word out that they were ready for business.

"We've had a fabulous response from the community since we opened," Mrs Duncan said.

"Hopefully, it's just the start of things to come."

The new Abra Kebab is shop number five for the Duncans, adding to their four stores in Toowoomba.

Neighbouring restaurant Crackerjack Chicken was full of activity at the weekend as Highfields families got their first glimpse of the new development.

Shift manager Roneta Gosley believed the suburb's prosperity was still in its infant stages.

"I've been watching all the changes happen over the years and look forward to seeing how it ends up," she said.

Civic Video has also joined the precinct, and an Eagle Boys pizza shop is due to open in the next six weeks.



Seven-year-old Madison Davidson gets her face painted.

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